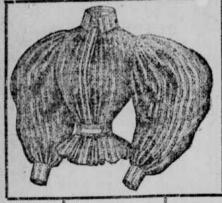
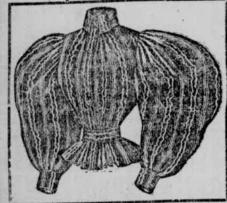


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PRESIDENT INGALLS'S LETTER.

The letter of President Ingalls to which Mr. Wickham refers is as follows:

Richmond, Va., March 22, 1896.

Mr. H. T. Wickham, General Solicitor,
Richmond, Va.;

Dear Sir.—My attention has been called

Dear Sir.—My attention has been called by you to the recent decision of the Court of Appeals of Virginia in the case of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company vs. the Su-pervisors of Northampton county, in-volving the power of the Board of Su-pervisors to tax railroad property for district-school purposes, and I wish to say to you, and through you to the tax-ing officials of the State of Virginia, that it is not the desire or purpose of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Com-pany to avail itself of any technicality pany to avail itself of any technicality

lie burdens.

The rate being uniform, all property within the taxing district should bear its like proportion of taxation; and, if in consequence of failure to provide machinery for the assessment of district-school taxes, such taxes could be temporarily evaded by one species of property, and the burden on the property of others thereby increased, I should not be the property of the state of such a post-He burdens. of others thereby increased, I should not wish to take advantage of such a position. It may be that the county authorities can, by changing the rate of levy for county-school purposes, render consideration of this subject unnecessary, or it may be that the General Assembly at a future session will have the power to retroactively cure the present want of authority in the Board of Supervisors in making levy for district-

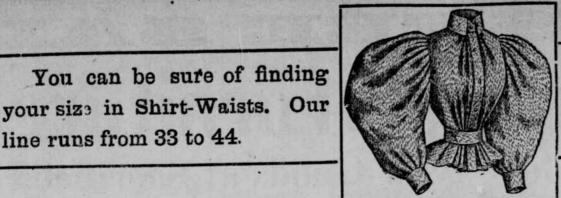
siderations. I do not think it wise policy embarrass the educational system the State, and I hope it may the judgment of the other railroads be the judgment of the other railroads of the State to come to the same con-clusion. You will therefore not raise this question in any future tax-bills that

REPLY OF THE GOVERNOR. Governor O'Ferrall yesterday sent the following reply to Mr. Wickham's let-

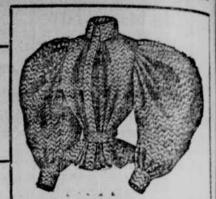
Commonwealth of Virginia, Goyernor's Office, Richmond, Va., March 28, 1896.

Hon. Henry T. Wickham, General Solicitor Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, Richmond, Va.:

My Dear Sir,—Yours of the 25th instant has been received. I am exceedingly pleased to learn from the letter of Mr. M. E. Ingalis, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, which you inclose, that your read will not avail itself of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia in the case of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company against the Board of Supervisors of Northampton county, and that you have been directed by Mr. Ingalis, president, to raise no question as to the payment of district



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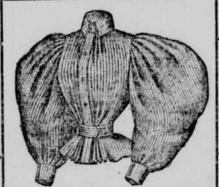
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WILL PAY THE TAXES

The C. & O. Will Not Avail Itself of the Recent Decision.

COMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency Gratified by the Po-Hopes Others Will Follow the Worthy Example.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company will not avail itself of the opportunity offered by a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals to avoid the payment of taxes levied by county boards of supervisors for district-school purposes

This fact is officially stated in a letter written to Governor O'Ferrail by Hon. Henry T. Wickham, who encloses a letter addressed to him by President M. E. Ingalls, of the Chesapeake and Ohio system, saying that his company stands ready to bear its just part of the public burdens, and to pay his share toward the support of the public free-school system. The Governor, in reply to Mr. Wick

ham's letter, expresses his high appreciation of the patriotic position taken by the Chesapeake and Ohio, and expresses the hope that other roads will follow its worthy example.

MR. WICKHAM'S LETTER. This is Mr. Wickham's letter to the CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD

Richmond, Va., March 25, 1896. His Fixcellency Charles T. O'Ferrall, Gov-ernor of Virginia:

Dear Sir,-1 beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Ingalis, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, to me, dated March 23, 1896, in reference to taxes upon railroad property for district-school, purposes. I was not aware of the nature of the questions involved in the case of New York, Philacelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company vs. Board of Supervisors of Northampton delphia and Norfolk Railroad Company vs. Board of Supervisors of Northampton county until I saw the opinion of the Court of Appeals published in the newspapers after it was delivered. As soon as it was practicable I brought the matter to the attention of the president of the Chesapeake and Ohlo Railroad Company, and am pleased that he has taken the broad view of the question indicated in his letter.

his letter. VIII., of the Constitution of virginia, and sections 1465, eighth clause; 1506, third clause, and 1529, of the Code, leads me to believe that the question is not practically so serious a one as appears upon its face, and that the school funds need not be seriously diminished, as I am inclined be seriously diminished, as I am inclined to believe that in many cases the boards of supervisors can, by changing the rate of levy for county-school purposes, recoup any diminution which the school system may sustain in consequence of the failure of the Legislature to provide proper ma-chinery for the collection of the district-

An examination of the authorities—especially Cooley's "Constitutional Limitations," "Cooley on Taxation," "Burroughs on Taxation," and the "American and English Encyclopaedia of Law"—inclines me to the further opinion that in the event that the Board of Supervisors continue as heretofore to levy the district-school-taxes, it will be competent for the Legislature herafter to retroactively cure the present want of authority in said boards to make said levy by providing the neto make said levy by providing the ne-cessary machinery and confirming the ac-tion of the boards theretofore taken.

I am aware that authorities can be ad-duced to the effect that where the tri-

that the Chesapeake and Ohio Ralifond Company will, as heretofore, continue to pay its tax-bills as presented, taking care only to see that the rate of taxation or its property is the same as that on the property of other persons, it being the purpose of this company to bear its due proportion of the public burdens.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

H. T. WICKHAM,

General Solicitor.

Supervisors in making levy for district-school purposes. Independently, however, of these con-

Yours very truly, (Signed) M. E. INGALLS,

Commonwealth of Virginia,

the decision which the court felt com-

pelled to render.
You must allow me, as the Executive
of the Commonwealth, to express my
deep appreciation of the interest you
have manifested in the welfare of the is, and to thank you for your

valuable suggestions.

I will refer your letter to the AttorneyGeneral for his consideration, and will
confer with him at an early date.

Yours very respectfully, CHARLES T. O'FERRALL, Governor.

COLOR OF WOMEN'S EYES.

The Mere Question of Pigment Has

Settled Many a Man's Fate. "Did you ever notice that men always instinctively put confidence in a girl with blue eyes, and have their suspicions of the girl with brilliant black ones, and will you kindly tell me why?" writes
Lilan Bell in April Ladies' Home Journal.
"It is that the limpid blue eye,
transparent and gentle, suggests all the
soft, womanly virtues, and because he
thinks he can see through it, clear down into that blue-eyed girl's soult, that she is the kind of girl he fancies she is? I think it is, but some of the great-est little frauds I know are the purry, est little francs I know are the pury, kitteny girls with big, innocent blue eyes. Blazing black eyes, and the rich warm colors which dark-skinned women have to wear, suggest energy and brilliance and no end of intellect. Men look into such eyes and seem not to be able to see below the surface. They have not the pleasure of a long, deep gaze into the pleasure of a long, deep gaze into immeasurable depths. And so they think her designing and clever, and perhaps (God save the mark!) even intellectual, when perhaps she has a wealth of love and devotion and heroism stored up behind that impulsive disposition and those dazzling, black eyes, which would do and dare more in a minute for some man she had set that great heart of hers upon, than your cool-blooded, tranquil blonde would do in forty years. A mere question of pigment in the eye has set-tled many a man's fate in life, and es-tablished him with a wife who turned out to be very different from the girl he fordly thought he was getting." fordly thought he was getting." A Great Crowd Coming to the Re-

Alken, S. C., March 26, 1896.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Having noticed your many appeals to
the people of Richmond, and especially
to the City Council, to make ample preparations for the reunion of the United
Confederate Veterans, I beg space in
your valuable columns for a few words
along that line. I have been travelling along that line. I have been travelling through this State for several months, and have visited a good many of the principal towns, and I wish to say that, judging the other Southern States by my observation in South Carolina, I would urge the committee in charge of enter-

talment, and the people of Richmond generally, to prepare for a great crowd on the 29th of June.

I have made it a point in many towns in which I have been to talk to the old soldiers and others in reference the recursion. Everywhere through the old soldiers and others in reference to the reunion. Everywhere through this State there seems to be the greatest desire to visit Richmond, and they not only desire to go, but they are going. Of all places for holding the reunion, Richmond is the favorite among the old veterans of this State. I was talking with the Mayor of Kingstee, S. C., a few days ago. He said he was this."

bunal levying the tax had no power to do the act in question, such act is void, and cannot be validated by subsequent legislation, but I think the weight of authority is strongly in favor of the validity and efficiency of such retroactive legislation. The Attorney-General, however, can fully advise in the premises, and whether I be correct or not in the view taken, I am pleased to be able to inform you officially that I am directed into to raise the question of want of authority in the Board of Supervisors to levy district-school taxes in any bills that may be hereafter presented against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company will, as heretofore, continue to

The old veterans seem to expect more of Richmond than any other city, and they should not be disappointed. A splendid opportunity will be afforded splendid opportunity will be afforded Richmond, in the effect she produces on Richmond, in the effect saw places, and chartered under the name of the yisitors, to make a strong bid for the great "Battle Abbey," which is to be the Farmville Riding, Driving, and Park somewhere in the South W. F. DUNN.

Jacques Louis David.

(Blackwood's Magazine.)

In France, art, like society, was totter-ing to its fall when the revolution burst and hastened the end. The spirit of which and hastened the end. The spirit of which the revolution was the political outcome had also, as in the pictures of Greuze and Vien, been working beneath the surface of the art world; and with the fall of the empire these aspirations took definite shape. The art so long dedicated to the whims and caprices of the aristocracy began, under the impulse of the new environment, to express the sentiments and ideals of the common people. Cut off from the past by the sword of retribution, in the turmoil of the present, they sought inspiration for the future in the great acts of patriotism of the Romans. great acts of patriotism of the Romans And the general intelligence of Europe, interested in the discoveries at Pompeil, gave it form on its artistic side. These feelings and aspirations seemed to be-come incarnate in the work of Jacques

A friend of Robespierre, and a leader in the Revolution party, he, on the collapse of the movement, narrowly escaped with his life. But with the rise of Napoleon, who appointed him his painter in chief, his influence again became paramount; and, despite the many phases art has undergone, and the innumerable cliques into which painters have divided in the interval, it is still, modified and touched by reality, a living force in French art. David's conception of picto-rial art was somewhat cold and lifeless; he led his confreres back, not to nature, past underlay all his work, and paralyzed his invention and resource. Beauty Is as Beauty Does.

"You think the Ugly Duckling never becomes a swan?" writes Ruth Ashmore in April Ladies' Home Journal. "Ra-

chei, who was said to have had the most expressive face of any woman in the century, and to have been the most graceful, was counted by her famimost gracetal, was counted by her tamily an excessively ugly child. She adored beauty, and she tells in one of her letters that suddenly one day, after looking at herself, she made up her mind that she would be charming. And she said, 'I have studied every hour of my life to he needy tells. said. 'I have studied every hour of my life to be ugly no longer.' History tells how she succeeded. Adelina Patti was the Ugly Duckling. It being thought by her parents that her sister, Cariotta, was the beauty. Mary Anderson, the ideal, classical beauty, of the last two decades, was considered in her own home an awkward, ordinary-looking girl, rather quiet, for she spent most of her time reading Shakespeare. George Eliot never became a beauty, but she forced those people who despised her lack of attraction as a child to recognize the great

ON THE SOUTHSIDE.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT REPUBLI-CANS HAVE BEGUN ACTIVE WORK.

Daughters of the Confederacy Organized-A Delightful At Home-The Lunenburg Prisoners.

the citizens of Richmond the fact that they will be called upon next June to entertain one of the largest crowds, if Farmville District Republicans have benefits the largest crowd, ever seen in the gun active work already, and are holding meetings from time to time. In a meeting heartily endersed, while Chairman Lamb received severe censure.

An association has been formed in this the Farmville Riding, Driving, and Park Association. It is composed of some thirty or more of the town's most substantial citizens, and will be maintained for their exclusive pleasure. A large tract of land has been purchased by the association, and a fine race-track is being laid off. The officers are: W. G. Venable, president; J. B. Wall, vice-president; A. A. Cox, J. S. Whaley, W. W. Jackson, Dr. W. E. Anderson, and E. L. Morris, directors; T. P. Robertson, secretary and treasurer DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERAC

A number of Farmville's loyal and patriotic women met this week at the home of Mrs. R. S. Paulett, on High street and organized a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Fourteen names were enrolled, and the following officers elect President, Mrs. Henry ds; Vice-President, Mrs. munds; Vice-President, Mrs. James
L. White; Corersponding Secretary, Miss Bettie Johnson; RecordingSecretary, Mrs. Samuel W. Watkins;
Treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Paulett,
It was decided that this federation shall
be known as the Appomattox Chapter
of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Ali

States, or those women who gave aid and comfort to Confederate soldiers during the war, are carnestly asked to become members of this society. CHARMING AT HOME.

Miss Vickroy, of the State Female Norwere exquisite and appropriate, and were made of johnquils and hyacinths, with their first fresh fragrance of springtime. The daintiest refreshments were served. Among those present were Mrs. N. E. Venable, Mrs. Portia L. Morrison, Misses Luka and Nattle Morrison, Dibble Beath Lula and Nettle Morton, Robbie Berkeley, Littleton, Hunt, Eubank, and Bettle

IN GOOD SPIRITS.

Solomon Marable, the negro convicted of the murder of Mrs. Lucy Jane Pollard, in Lunenburg, on the 14th of June last, was brought from his cell yesterday into was brought from his cell yesterday into the bright sunlight, to have his photo-graph taken. Solomon appeared to be in the best of spirits, and laughed and chatted with the photographer and his guards. He passes most of his time playing on a Jew's-harp or singing aloud the old fa-miliar hymn entitled, "Are You Ready for the Judgment-Day?"

Mary Abernathy and Pokey Barnes are also in glowing spirits, and express to

Mary Abernathy and Pokey Barnes are also in glowing spirits, and express to every one who sees them their full contidence of acquittal when brought to trial.

Mrs. L. R. Richardson, who has been visiting in Lynchburg for the past month, returned home Thursday atternoon last.

Miss Nettle Morton is in Richmond, visiting in the home of Mr, and Mrs.

Frank Cunningham.

In town this week visiting his daughter, who is a student at the Normal School. who is a student at the Normal School.

Miss Lella M. Bliss has returned home after a very delightful visit to friends in Richmond and Crewe.

Mr. and Mis. George Stern, of Philadelphia, have been spending the week in Farmville, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Miller.

CLARKE COUNTY. Changes in Business-Marriages-A

War Lecture. BERRYVILLE, VA., March 28 .- (Special.)-A number of changes have taken place this week in the business-houses here. Mr. E. C. March, who has been conducting a grocery-store on Church street, has sold out to Messrs. Kercheconduct the business at the same stand. val Brothers & Son, who will hereafter Mr. T. S. Thompson has disposed of his clothing and gentlemen's furnishing establishments to his father, Mr. John I. Thompson, who has employed Mr. T. S. Thompson to sell the stock of goods now in the store; and Mr. J. Mat-thew Thompson, of the firm of Thompson E. A. Marshall, who will carry on the business in the future.

MARRIAGES

Mr. George W. Bell, of this county, and Miss Dally V. Ainsworth, of Shenandoah Junction, W. Va., were quietly mar-ried on Wednesday evening, March 25th, at the residence of Mr. William Brown ville. Rev. Charles R. Strib-the Presbyterian church, per-

ling of the Presbyterian charts, formed the ceremony, On Thursday afternoon, March 25th, at the Baptist parsonage here, Mr. Turner C. Russell and Miss Ada S. Lloyd, both of this county, were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Julian Broaddus. Only a few intimate friends of a couple were present, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the bride and groom left on a trip North.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Frances Estelle Swann, of this place, to Mr. William Rollo Royce, of New York city, which will take place at Grace (Episcopal)

Up to the beginning of this month our recople had been congratulating them-elves upon their good fortune in having had such an unusually mild and pleasant winter, but their congratulations ceased then, for ever since March began the weather here has been very cold and severe, old winter seeming to have concentrated all her energies for use during the past month. Within the past few days, however, there have been on. ring the past month. Within the past few days, however, there have been observed various signs, usually considered unfailing harbingers of the approach of spring, which have encouraged our people, and especially our farmers, to believe that its coming will not now be long delayed. Chief among these signs to the migration of the will receive the second of the control of the second of the seco is the migration of the wild guess nor i-ward, several flocks having been ob-served flying over this week.

A WAR LECTURE.

A. C. Hopkins, of Charlestown, W. Va., who was during the late civil war chaplain of the Second Virginia In-fantry, and noted for being one of the bravest men in the service, delivered a bravest men in the service, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture at Winston Hall on Thursday night, his subject being, "From Petersburg to Appomattox." Mr. Hopkins came upon the invitation of J. E. B. Stuart Camp, of Confederate Veterans, and was greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience, composed of J. E. B. Stuart Camp; the local camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, who attended in a body, commanded by Lieutenant R. E. B. Smith, and numbers of others.

rank Cunningham.

Miss Maddie Ford, one of Martinsville's and numbers of others.

Rev. Mr. Woods, of Martinsburg.

manifested. PERSONAL

Mr. Samuel M. Taylor has returns

from a trip to Washington, D. C.
Mr. William Haigh left this week is
Baltimore.
Miss Bettle Rise Page paid a fring Wednesday in Washington.

Mrs. Thompson, of Wickliffe, is visit Winchester, Major E. H. McDonald, of Jefferson

county, W. Va., spent a few days with Captain W. U. McDonald this week. BASIC CITY.

Prospects of Industrial Plants Start-

Ing Up-Personal.

BASIC CITY, VA., March 28.—(Special.

A syndicate of our most substantial of zens has recently bought the large school This is a splendid plant, and will be pu

in operation very soon.

The steel roll-mill, another large plant has been put in shape for starting, and Basic City now confidently expects a new lease of prosperity.

Mr. Marquess and others, who have been conducting religious meetings here for the past three months, still keep the west

going.

The wheat crop in this section in look ing worse than it has for many years.

Some little snow is still clinging to set hillsides. March has been our most seen

ine winter month.

Professor W. A. Bowles, of this place, is an applicant for the principalship of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution 2 OVER A HUNDRED.

Old Aunt Edie, of Prince Edward GREEN BAY, VA., March 28.—(Special

In the suburbs of our village lives, haps, the oldest inhabitant of Vita "Old Aunt Edie," as she is called. on Aunt Edic, as she is caret-in a little log cabin of the old style while she is at least 103 years old, vigorous health. Her age can be substantiated. She was owned by Girman Y. and Mrs. Jane J. Stake Girman Y. and Mrs. Jane J. Shake.
former being a soldier in the wor of isl.
She was nurse for their daughter. Mist
Mary J. Stokes, who married Mr. Rober.
Boiling, of Lunenburg county, father of
Mrs. R. S. Price, of this place, and anos
of General Stith Boiling, of Peterburg.
Va. Mrs. Boiling, if Hving, would be
So years of age in July. Old Aust Ele
has recently become entirely blind. She &
has recently become entirely blind. She & has recently become entirely blind. She is allowed \$1 per month from the could to purchase rations, which barely supplied her with the necessaries of life, and, but for the fact that the "white folkes" of the village, as she calls them, are as ceedingly kind to her, she would undersheadly suffer.

(For the Dispatch.)

There is a poor family living near the city limits who are in very destitute dreumstances, having no fuel or food except what they can get from neighbors. The husband is too delicate to work at hearth he is always making an effort The husband is too delicate to work a though he is always making an effort to do so. He is a good, steady, Christian man. The wife is also delicate, the doctor prohibiting her doing hard work. She has four little children, which require her attention, else she would go out and get the work she could do. The rent is due, and harder times seem to be dawning for them, as they have been told they will have to move. Work the citizens of Richmond please send them a little money and provisions as soon as possible? They live at No. 123 Blair street.

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS.

Biair street. FROM ONE WHO KNOWS